

Amendments to the Specification

- Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0040] The PDA 100 is used by the practitioner for gathering and recording patient information. In one embodiment of the present invention, the practitioner enters the patient information directly at the practitioner workstation 101. The practitioner workstation 101 maintains patient information in the practitioner local database 102. The practitioner workstation 101 is implemented using the computer system [[1001]]1101 of Figure [[10]]11, for example, but also may be any other suitable personal computer (PC), workstation, server, or device for synchronizing with the personal data assistant 100, maintaining information in the practitioner local database 102, and communicating with the web server 104 via the communications network 103.

- Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0046] The web server 104 may be implemented using the computer system [[1001]]1101 of Figure [[10]]11, for example, or any other suitable PC, workstation, server, or other device for hosting an interface through which practitioners may interact with information maintained in the central database 105. In one embodiment of the present invention, the user interface provided by the web server 104 is a world wide web interface accessible through the communications network 103 (e.g., the Internet) via commercially available web browser tools including, but not limited to, INTERNET EXPLORER, available from Microsoft Corporation and NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR, available from

Netscape Communications Corporation. The commercially available web browser tool running on the practitioner workstation 101 or the PDA 100 provides accessibility to applications running on the web server 104 providing access to information in the central database 105.

- Please replace paragraph [0078] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0078] Figure 6 is a block diagram illustrating yet another exemplary use of the system for purchasing a medical device. As shown in Figure 6, this use of the system of the present invention includes purchasing one of the three medical device options 403, 404, 405 as configured by the configurator 402, without first customizing the selected option using the customizer 407. In this example, once the three medical device options 403, 404, 405 are generated, the practitioner simply selects one of those options and places it in the shopping cart 406. In the example shown in Figure 6, medical device option 2, 404, has been selected by the practitioner and placed into the shopping cart 406.

- Please replace paragraph [0079] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0079] Figure 7 illustrates exemplary data structures in which the various options shown in Figure 4 and Figure 6 may be stored in the central database 105. As shown in Figure 7, option one 701, option two 705, and option three 709, each include three fields. Each option includes a class one component 702, 706, 710, a class two component 703, 707, 711, and a class three component 704, 708, 712. In this example, the combination of a class one component, a class two component, and a class three component provide a complete prosthesis option

for this particular exemplary patient. In other examples, the fields would include class components required for an upper extremity prosthetic, a lower extremity orthotic, an upper extremity orthotic, a spinal orthotic, or another type of medical device. In the example of Figure 7, if a class one component corresponds to a foot, a class two component corresponds to an ankle, and a class three component corresponds to a knee, each of these options would be a viable prosthesis option for an above-the-knee amputee. As further illustrated in Figure 7, while option one 701, option two 705, and option three 709 all include the same component parts, none of the options are identical. For example, option one 701 includes foot A, ankle 1, and knee A1. Option two includes foot B, ankle 2, and knee A1. Option three includes foot C, ankle 3, and knee A1. While all three options include the same class three component (i.e., knee A1), none of the options have the same class one component, class two component combination. Based on information stored in the central database 105, it is possible for the configurator [[302]]402 to categorize each of these three options as “good,” “better,” and “best.”

- Please replace paragraph [0107] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0107] The network link 1114 typically provides data communication through one or more networks to other data devices. For example, the network link 1114 may provide a connection to another computer through a local network 1115 (e.g., a LAN) or through equipment operated by a service provider, which provides communication services through a communications network 1116. In preferred

embodiments, the local network [[1114]]1115 and the communications network 1116 preferably use electrical, electromagnetic, or optical signals that carry digital data streams. The signals through the various networks and the signals on the network link 1114 and through the communication interface 1113, which carry the digital data to and from the computer system 1101, are exemplary forms of carrier waves transporting the information. The computer system 1101 can transmit and receive data, including program code, through the network(s) 1115 and 1116, the network link 1114 and the communication interface 1113. Moreover, the network link 1114 may provide a connection through a LAN 1115 to a mobile device 1117 such as a personal digital assistant (PDA), laptop computer, or cellular telephone. The LAN communications network 1115 and the communications network 1116 both use electrical, electromagnetic or optical signals that carry digital data streams. The signals through the various networks and the signals on the network link 1114 and through the communication interface 1113, which carry the digital data to and from the system 1101, are exemplary forms of carrier waves transporting the information. The computer system 1101 can transmit notifications and receive data, including program code, through the network(s), the network link 1114 and the communication interface 1113.